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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:			Einam A Maa
TETSUYA ITANO			Examiner: A. Moe
Application No.: 09/976,096			Group Art Unit: 2612
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits of this application, under 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3), Applicants submit that no fee is due. Should any fee be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner, and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address below.

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